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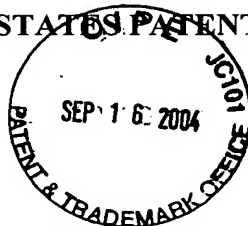
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Usuka *et al.*

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PREDICTING CHROMOSOMAL
REGIONS THAT CONTROL
PHENOTYPIC TRAITS*



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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 19, 2004 in connection with the above-captioned patent application, please consider the following remarks. Applicants enclose herewith a Petition for Extension of Time extending the period for response to September 19, 2004.

A listing of the pending claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.